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Winter Wheat Below Both '61 And Average

Production is forecast at 846 million bushels, 230 million bushels below last year and 30 million bushels below average. The June 1 forecast is 45 million bushels below the forecast of a month earlier as a result of sharply lower prospects in Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, the South Central States as well as the South Atlantic States.

All Spring Wheat Above '61 Low

An all spring wheat crop of 211 million bushels is forecast, based on June 1 conditions. This would be a third larger than the relatively low 1961 production but 16 percent below average.

All Wheat Forecast Down

All wheat production in 1962 is forecast at 1,058 million bushels, 14 percent below last year and 6 percent below average.

Sugar Crops (1960 and 1961 Crops Revised)

Sugar beet production in 1961 totaled 17,664,000 tons--8 percent more than the preceeding year and 4 percent more than the previous record of 17,015,000 tons produced in 1959.

Sugarcane harvested for sugar on the Mainland (Louisiana and Florida) amounted to 9,154,000 tons, the largest crop of record and 28 percent above the 1960 crop. Final production was 6 percent higher than estimated as of December 1, 1961.

United States production of sugar, raw value, totaled 4,268,000 tons--2,318,000 tons from sugar beets, 858,000 tons from Mainland sugarcane, and 1,092,000 tons from sugarcane grown in Hawaii. Sugar produced from beets was 5 percent lower than the record-high 1960 output. New record-high sugar production was set in each of the two Mainland sugarcane States, with Louisiana 32 percent and Florida 19 percent above their previous records.

Corn, Sorghum, and Soybean Planting Ahead of Normal

Farmers made rapid progress in planting the 1962 corn crop and by June 1 were ahead of the usual pace. Near ideal planting conditions prevailed over most of the Central Corn Belt during May. Over 95 percent of the Iowa acreage was in the ground by the end of May--slightly ahead of last year and well above average.

Sorghum planting made rapid progress in the Southern Plains area in early May as farmers

finished cotton work early. However, progress slowed as soils became dry late in the month.

Soybean planting was about three-fourths completed in Illinois by the end of May--about ten days ahead of average and a week ahead of last year. Progress in other soybean producing States was also well advanced.

Tobacco And Peanuts Crops Variable

Hot dry weather was unfavorable for establishing good stands of tobacco from Virginia southward, but rains at the end of May improved conditions. Plants were plentiful and some growers have reset one or more times to obtain a stand.

Planting of peanuts in Virginia was more than 85 percent complete by June 1 with uniform stands.

Prices of Farm Products

Commodity	Average prices received by farmers		Effective parity prices
	April 1962	May 1962	May 1962
Basic commodities:			
Cotton, Amer. upland (lb.)..... ct.	31.75	32.67	39.38
Wheat (bu.)..... dol.	1.92	1.99	2.43
Rice (100 lb.)..... dol.	5.60	5.48	6.24
Corn (bu.)..... dol.	.988	1.03	1.61
Peanuts (lb.)..... ct.	11.2	12.1	13.5
Designated nonbasic commodities:			
Milkfat in cream (lb.)..... ct.	58.3	57.8	76.8
Milk, wholesale (100 lb.)..... dol.	3.88	3.74	5.26
Wool (lb.)..... ct.	² 45.0	² 46.3	73.7
Other nonbasic commodities:			
Barley (bu.)..... dol.	1.01	1.02	1.26
Cottonseed (ton)..... dol.	--	--	63.00
Flaxseed (bu.)..... dol.	3.27	3.20	3.86
Hay, baled (ton)..... dol.	21.40	21.40	26.00
Oats (bu.)..... dol.	.664	.667	.845
Potatoes (cwt.)..... dol.	1.27	2.04	2.39
Rye (bu.)..... dol.	.991	.996	1.45
Sorghum, grain (100 lb.)..... dol.	1.68	1.71	2.52
Soybeans (bu.)..... dol.	2.38	2.36	2.96
Sweetpotatoes (cwt.)..... dol.	6.04	6.46	6.00
Oranges, on tree (box)..... dol.	1.78	1.62	2.67
Apples, for fresh use (bu.)..... dol.	2.88	3.07	2.95
Beef cattle (100 lb.)..... dol.	21.10	21.10	23.70
Calves (100 lb.)..... dol.	25.40	25.20	26.30
Hogs (100 lb.)..... dol.	15.40	15.30	21.70
Lambs (100 lb.)..... dol.	16.60	17.30	24.40
Chickens, all (lb.)..... ct.	14.5	13.9	24.4
Eggs (dozen)..... ct.	31.5	28.9	47.4

¹ Preliminary.

² Does not include incentive payment.

Pastures Less Than "Good"

Pasture feed condition on June 1 averaged slightly less than a "good" rating by farmers across the Nation. For the entire country, pasture condition averaged 78 percent of normal on June 1 compared with 83 percent on May 1 this year and 84 percent on June 1, 1961. Usually, condition advances 3 points from May 1 to June 1. However, this year it declined 5 points between the two dates.

Milk Production Up

Milk production in the United States during May was 1 percent larger than a year earlier and 1 percent above the 1951-60 average for the month. For the first 5 months of the year, milk production totaled 2 percent more than in the same period of 1961.

Statistical Series of Interest to Agriculture

Item	1961		1962		
	May	Year	Mar.	Apr.	May
Nonfarm employment (civilian) ¹	Mil. 61.2	Mil. 61.3	Mil. 61.5	Mil. 61.9	Mil. 62.8
Farm employment.....	7.6	7.0	5.8	6.8	7.5
Family.....	5.6	5.1	4.6	5.2	5.5
Hired.....	2.0	1.9	1.2	1.6	2.0
Index numbers (1957-59) = 100					
Industrial production ²	108	109	116	117	118
Total personal income payments ³	113	114	119	120	121
Weekly factory earnings ⁴	103	105	111	113	113
Average earnings of factory workers, per worker ⁴	109	110	114	115	115
Wholesale prices, all commodities ⁴	100	100	101	100	100
Farm commodities.....	95	96	98	97	95
Food, processed.....	100	101	101	100	100
Consumer price index ⁴	104	104	105	105	---
Food.....	102	103	103	103	---
Index numbers (1910-14 = 100)					
Prices received by farmers.....	237	240	244	242	242
Crops.....	232	226	233	236	243
Food grains.....	203	209	223	224	230
Feed grains and hay.....	151	151	153	155	159
Cotton.....	259	262	248	268	276
Tobacco.....	517	526	543	543	543
Oil bearing crops.....	286	257	252	255	255
Fruit.....	267	246	229	220	210
Commercial vegetables.....	235	218	314	312	325
Livestock and products.....	241	251	254	246	242
Meat animals.....	292	299	307	303	303
Dairy products.....	243	259	255	240	232
Poultry and eggs.....	138	146	147	139	130
Prices paid by farmers					
All commodities.....	277	276	279	280	280
Used in living.....	291	291	294	294	296
Used in production.....	266	266	269	270	269
Commodities, interest, taxes, and wage rates (parity index).....	302	301	305	306	306
Farm wage rates, seasonally adjusted.....	647	641	652	666	666
Parity ratio (prices received to parity index).....	78	80	80	79	79

¹Bureau of the Census, ²Federal Reserve Board, ³Department of Commerce, ⁴Bureau of Labor Statistics--any figures not available at press time omitted.

Three Percent More Eggs This May

The Nation's farm flocks laid 5,704 million eggs during May--about 3 percent more than in May last year.

Potatoes . . .

Early spring production is placed at 3,339,000 hundredweight, 2 percent above the 3,274,000 estimated May 1. In Florida, harvest in the Hastings area was finished about June 2.

Late spring potato production was estimated at 20,440,000 hundredweight on June 1, 27 percent below the 1961 crop of 28,023,000 hundredweight.

The first forecast of 1962 early summer potato production is placed at 12,612,000 hundredweight, a reduction of 19 percent from the 15,496,000 hundredweight produced in 1961.

Production from the 1962 winter crop was 4,213,000 hundredweight, 754,000 less than in 1961. Total production of 1962 seasonal crops estimated to date--winter, early spring, late spring, and early summer--is estimated at 40,604,000 hundredweight. This is 24 percent below the 53,136,000 hundredweight harvested for the same seasonal groups in 1961.

Dry Soils Slow Cotton Planting

Cotton planting made rapid strides in early May throughout the Southeast, but growers held up as soils became hard and dry. Early seeded acreage came up to good stands.

Livestock and Livestock Products

Item	Unit	Jan.-Apr. 1961	Jan.-Apr. 1962
Dairy Production			
Milk.....	Bil. lb.	¹ 53.8	¹ 54.7
Evaporated whole milk.....	Mil. lb.	660.5	560.8
Dry nonfat milk solids (for human food).....	Mil. lb.	672.2	774.0
Butter, creamery.....	Mil. lb.	507.2	578.8
Cheese, American.....	Mil. lb.	360.2	341.6
Ice cream.....	Mil. gal.	201.6	207.2
Poultry Production			
Eggs.....	Billions	¹ 26.9	¹ 27.3
Federally inspected slaughter: ²			
Chickens.....	Mil. lb.	1,341.2	1,388.5
Turkeys.....	Mil. lb.	97.8	79.5
Poultry canned and used in other processed foods.....	Mil. lb.	145.7	150.1
Liquid egg.....	Mil. lb.	220.8	206.3
Dried egg (egg solids).....	Mil. lb.	18.8	15.3
Frozen egg.....	Mil. lb.	130.5	130.7
Meat Production (dressed weight) ³			
Beef.....	Mil. lb.	4,700	4,808
Veal.....	Mil. lb.	308	297
Pork.....	Mil. lb.	3,573	3,823
Lamb and mutton.....	Mil. lb.	282	277
Total red meat.....	Mil. lb.	8,863	9,205

¹ January-May.

² Ready-to-cook.

³ Commercial; excludes farm slaughter.

Tree Nuts - Walnuts, Almonds, and Filberts

Based on June 1 conditions, production of walnuts in California is estimated at 80,000 tons, 31 percent above the 1961 crop and 18 percent larger than average.

The estimate of the California almond crop continues at 45,000 tons, the same as last month. This production is a third below last year's crop and well below 1960, but only slightly below average.

In Washington, June 1 conditions point to an above average filbert crop.

Fruit Prospects

APPLES: The June 1 condition of apples indicates a 1962 commercial crop smaller than last year although above average. Prospects for the Eastern States and the Central States are well below last year but above average. The situation is reversed in the Western States where the outlook is for a slightly larger crop than in 1961, but below average.

PEACHES: The total United States peach crop is estimated at 77.2 million bushels, slightly below last year's large crop, but 18 percent above the 1951-60 average. Excluding the California Clingstone crop, which is used mainly for canning, the remainder of the U. S. crop is forecast at 46.6 million bushels, down about 7 percent from last year, but 9 percent above average.

PEARS: The 1962 pear crop is estimated at 28,091,000 bushels, 1 million bushels more than the 1961 crop, but 900,000 bushels below the average. Production in the Pacific Coast States, where over 85 percent of the crop is normally produced, is expected to be up about 6 percent above last year for both Bartlett and Other type pears. Bartlett production is estimated at 19.7 million bushels and Other types at 5.8 million bushels. In this region only Washington expects a smaller total pear crop than last year. Production in States other than the Pacific Coast is indicated to be down 13 percent from last year.

CITRUS: The 1961-62 orange crop is now estimated at nearly 135 million boxes, 15 percent greater than last year and 8 percent above average. The estimate is up 4 percent from last month as indicated production of Florida oranges is turning out above earlier expectations.

Production of grapefruit is estimated at 43.1 million boxes, nearly the same as last year and average.

The lemon crop is estimated at 16.5 million boxes, up 15 percent from last year, and 10 percent above average.

PLUMS AND PRUNES: The California 1962 plum crop is placed at 78,000 tons, 9,000 tons below last year and slightly below the 1951-60 average.

Farm-Retail Price Spreads

Farm-Retail Spread and Farmer's Share of the Consumer's Dollar for Market Basket of Farm-Food Products

Year and month	Retail Cost ¹	Farm value ²	Farm-retail spread	Farmer's share
1961 average.....	\$1,060	\$404	\$656	38%
1961 April	1,069	408	661	38%
1962 March	1,064	412	652	39%
1962 April.....	1,066	409	657	38%

¹Retail cost of average quantities of farm foods purchased per family in 1952 by urban wage-earner and clerical-worker families calculated from retail prices collected by Bureau of Labor Statistics.

²Payment to farmers for equivalent quantities of farm produce minus imputed value of byproducts obtained in processing.

SWEET CHERRIES: The June 1 estimate for sweet cherries is placed at 103,150 tons, the largest crop since 1955, about 2 percent larger than last year, and 17 percent above average.

SOUR CHERRIES: June 1 prospects for the Western producing States point to production of 12,990 tons, 8 percent larger than last year, and 27 percent above average.

APRICOTS: The 1962 apricot crop is forecast at 163,500 tons, down 15 percent from last year's crop and 19 percent below the 1951-60 average.

Cash Receipts From Farm Marketings, by States, April 1962¹

State	Livestock and Products	Crops	Total
	1,000 dol.	1,000 dol.	1,000 dol.
Maine.....	9,290	8,455	17,745
New Hampshire.....	3,424	1,032	4,456
Vermont.....	8,956	2,387	11,343
Massachusetts.....	7,687	5,417	13,104
Rhode Island.....	1,217	648	1,865
Connecticut.....	7,948	6,136	13,484
New York.....	50,237	17,159	67,396
New Jersey.....	12,263	6,663	18,926
Pennsylvania.....	46,933	17,517	64,450
Ohio.....	51,109	16,734	67,843
Indiana.....	55,600	20,285	75,885
Illinois.....	91,400	54,839	146,239
Michigan.....	33,590	15,145	48,735
Wisconsin.....	88,554	7,091	95,645
Minnesota.....	85,878	18,393	104,271
Iowa.....	134,585	36,141	170,726
Missouri.....	51,538	9,659	61,197
North Dakota.....	12,113	8,253	20,366
South Dakota.....	37,195	5,539	42,734
Nebraska.....	53,797	19,598	73,395
Kansas.....	69,242	12,371	81,613
Delaware.....	5,514	1,663	7,177
Maryland.....	14,554	6,068	20,622
Virginia.....	19,030	5,654	24,684
West Virginia.....	6,286	950	7,236
North Carolina.....	24,058	7,336	31,394
South Carolina.....	8,407	4,345	12,752
Georgia.....	33,411	6,428	39,839
Florida.....	16,999	78,153	95,152
Kentucky.....	23,508	2,709	26,217
Tennessee.....	21,335	5,328	26,663
Alabama.....	24,099	5,836	29,935
Mississippi.....	20,450	4,624	25,074
Arkansas.....	19,612	11,273	30,885
Louisiana.....	12,182	7,803	19,985
Oklahoma.....	26,500	5,327	31,827
Texas.....	112,145	28,881	141,026
Montana.....	11,381	3,806	15,187
Idaho.....	14,748	8,223	22,971
Wyoming.....	5,718	609	6,327
Colorado.....	34,414	8,410	42,824
New Mexico.....	7,543	5,268	12,811
Arizona.....	18,328	15,416	33,744
Utah.....	9,335	1,317	10,652
Nevada.....	2,012	220	2,232
Washington.....	17,289	15,452	32,741
Oregon.....	13,014	5,304	18,318
California.....	104,736	82,167	186,903
United States.....	1,538,564	618,032	2,156,596
United States, Jan.-April.....	6,229,652	3,505,052	9,734,704
Same period, year ago.....	6,261,928	3,460,811	9,722,739

¹All figures represent sales of farm products, plus Commodity Credit loans reported during the month minus Commodity Credit loans repaid during the month. For comparisons of cash receipts with earlier months and years, see issues of the Farm Income Situation.

Cash Receipts From Farming and Index of Volume of Farm Marketings, United States ¹

	April 1962	May 1962
CASH RECEIPTS		
Total marketings and CCC loans ²	<i>Mil. dol.</i> 2,157	<i>Mil. dol.</i> 2,300
Livestock and products.....	1,539	1,700
Meat animals.....	862	
Dairy products.....	412	
Poultry and eggs.....	231	
Other.....	34	
Crops.....	618	600
Food grains.....	37	
Feed crops.....	171	
Cotton (lint and seed).....	34	
Oil-bearing crops.....	36	
Tobacco.....	8	
Vegetables.....	130	
Fruits and tree nuts.....	71	
Other.....	131	
Government payments.....	95	
Grand total.....	2,252	
VOLUME OF FARM MARKETINGS		
	1947-49 = 100	
All commodities.....	99	108
Livestock and products.....	133	152
Crops.....	52	50

¹For comparison with earlier months and years, see issues of the Farm Income Situation. ²Receipts from loans represent value of loans minus value of redemptions during the month.

Dry Weather Speeds May Farm Work

A total of 7,482,000 persons worked on the Nation's farms in the survey week of May 20-26, about 1 percent fewer than a year earlier. Farm work over large areas was well ahead of usual progress since continued dry weather in May and April generally aided spring planting and early cultivation. The number of farm family members counted in the working force was 2 percent smaller than a year earlier but at 5,490,000 formed the usual major part of the total.

The number of hired workers in the May 20-26 survey week totaled 1,992,000 persons--2 percent more than a year earlier.



Growth Through Agricultural Progress